

# The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

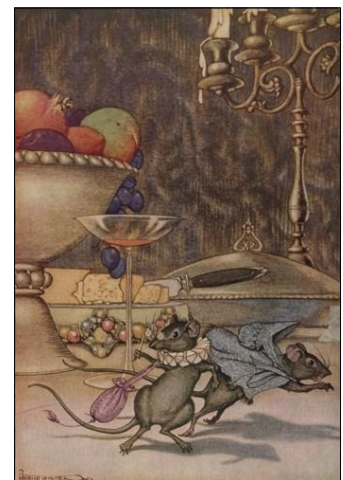
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A Town Mouse once visited a relative who lived in the countryside. For lunch the Country Mouse served wheat, roots, and acorns, with a small amount of cold water for a drink. The Town Mouse didn't eat a lot, nibbling a little of this and a little of that, and her actions made it very obvious that she ate the simple food just to be polite.



After the meal the friends had a long talk, and the Town Mouse talked the most. She talked about her life in the city while the Country Mouse listened. They then went to bed in a cozy nest in the hedge and slept quietly and comfortably between the green leaves and sticks. In her sleep the Country Mouse dreamed that she lived in the city, with all the nice things about city life that her cousin had mentioned. So the next day when the Town Mouse asked the Country Mouse to go home with her to the city, she gladly said yes.

When they reached the mansion where Town Mouse lived, they found a lot of delicious food on the table in the dining room. There were cakes and jellies, pastries, and delicious cheeses. These were the most tempting foods that a mouse could dream of! But just as the Country Mouse was about to take a small bite of a pastry, she heard a cat meow loudly and scratch at the door. The mice quickly ran to a hiding place, where they lay perfectly still for a long time. They were too scared to even breathe! When they walked back to the feast, the door opened suddenly and in came the servants to clean up the food, followed by the house dog.



The Country Mouse stopped in the Town Mouse's living room for only a short time to pick up her bag and umbrella.

"You may have very nice things that I don't," she said as she ran away, "but I like my simple life in the countryside, even though it isn't as exciting as yours!"

*Living a simple life with safety is better than being rich and living in danger.*

# The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse Questions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 1 Match the word and definition.

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| 1. poverty  | _____ | A. not special                       |
| 2. nibbling | _____ | B. a family member                   |
| 3. plain    | _____ | C. not having a lot of money         |
| 4. cozy     | _____ | D. somebody that works in your house |
| 5. nest     | _____ | E. a type of bed                     |
| 6. relative | _____ | F. a very large house                |
| 7. feast    | _____ | G. taking small bites                |
| 8. servant  | _____ | H. happily                           |
| 9. mansion  | _____ | I. a lot of food                     |
| 10. gladly  | _____ | J. small and comfortable             |



## PART 2 Answer the questions in sentences.

1. What did the Country Mouse give the Town Mouse to drink?

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2. What foods were there on the table?

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3. What did the Country Mouse take from the living room?

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4. Did the Country Mouse like the city?

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5. What two unexpected animals lived in the mansion?

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